

INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE
IAC Conference Room
Indianapolis, Indiana
May 26, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

Sandra Clark, Chair

Minutes

Members present via teleconference: Sandra Clark, Earl Williams, Jeanne Mirro, Anna White, Jan Shupert-Arick, Suzie Rentschler

Members absent: Gilberto Cárdenas, Judy Hess, Andrea Grossman

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin, Lydia Zacharias

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Ms. Clark called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. IAC Executive assistant Dennis Hardin called the roll. Mr. Ricci then introduced the IAC staff members present.

2. **Consent Agenda and Minutes.** Ms. White moved to adopt the consent agenda and approve the minutes from February 24, 2009. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Year-to-Date Financials.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) representing the agency financial statement current through April 30, 2009. IAC is on-budget in every category entering the last two months of FY2009. Ms. Clark thanked Executive Director Ricci and Deputy Director Anderson for their continued good work in keeping IAC within its budget.

4. **Review of State Budget Reduction Scenarios and Program Implications.** Mr. Ricci presented two hand-outs (attached) showing projected FY2010 budget reductions of 8% and 12%, respectively. The Indiana legislature adjourned on April 29, 2009 without passing a budget for FY2010, and will meet again in special session during June 2009. Until that time IAC will not know what its total budget will be for FY2010, but it must be prepared to approve and adopt a budget which may vary anywhere from an 8% to a 12% reduction in previous funding in FY2009. The handouts show where available budget monies would be applied within these two specific scenarios. Mr. Ricci also pointed out the federal funds coming from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act are only applicable for FY2010 and not beyond. Mr. Ricci asked the committee to approve the working budget and forward to the full commission for its June 12 meeting. Mr. Williams moved to recommend the proposed budget scenarios to the full commission; Ms. Mirro seconded. Motion passed.

5. **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds Update.** Mr. Ricci reviewed the process for agencies to apply and receive funding through IAC under the ARRA. He reported that about 80 organizations have applied for assistance; he expects about 16 grants to be awarded. Funds from ARRA are earmarked to support or reinstate employee positions in arts agencies. Ms.

Clark asked if every county in Indiana had applied. Mr. Ricci answered that there were applications received from all 12 Regions of Indiana, but not specifically from every county.

6. Looking to a New Strategic Planning Process. Mr. Ricci presented a preliminary report from the Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) which provides a survey of Arts and Cultural Organizations within Indiana, identifying needs for capacity building and technical assistance. This report will be a “white paper” upon which IAC can begin its strategic planning process, having reliable data in-hand regarding state-wide needs. Mr. Ron Stratten, former chair of IAC, will lead the Strategic Planning process, and will be meeting with Mr. Ricci soon. Additional data will be gathered through an on-line survey and through individual contacts at cultural events where IAC will be present.

7. Old Business. Deputy Director Michelle Anderson reminded the committee of the imminent retirement of long-time IAC Financial Manager Emelita T. Tolentino, whose last day will be on May 29, 2009. A reception will be held in the IAC offices on the afternoon of May 28.

8. New Business. Mr. Ricci reported that he will be meeting with the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy this week to discuss the development of emergency organizational services for arts organizations experiencing dire economic situations. He hopes to develop a traveling program for presentation in Indiana and other Midwest states, with cooperation from Arts Midwest.

9. Adjourn. Ms. White moved for adjournment; Ms. Mirro seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.